

CIA 2.03 Agency
Bulletin
Board

20 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Pledge of Non-Discrimination In Housing Ads
On CIA Bulletin Boards

1. As per Colonel White's instructions I phoned Mrs. Grace Rosner, Office Manager of SUBURBAN MARYLAND FAIR-HOUSING, 9601 Cedar Lane Church, Bethesda, Maryland, as a follow-up to yesterday's telecon she had with Commander George F. Moran, Assistant to the Director. Mrs. Rosner had told Cdr. Moran that a person seeking to buy a house had seen an ad on the employees' Bulletin Board in the CIA headquarters. This house-seeker got all particulars from the ad then telephoned the owner and asked if it would be a waste of his time to see the house-owner if she knew the inquirer was a Negro. The owner said he would be wasting his time and the owner was not interested in selling to a negro. Mrs. Rosner said NIH, Navy, AEC and other Government agencies require personnel who have use of bulletin boards for advertising require such advertisers to sign a pledge that there is no discrimination against would be buyers, etc. because of race, creed, color, etc. She wanted to know if CIA had such a pledge requirement.

2. Pursuant to Colonel White's instructions I told Mrs. Rosner this was the first instance of this kind, CIA has no color line, we want to get to the bottom of this complaint, and we need her cooperation so we may be sure such an occurrence, if it did in fact occur, may be thoroughly investigated. I would like her to give me the name of the employee-complainant, and the name of the house-owner who said she would not sell to a negro.

3. Mrs. Rosner said she had learned she was mistaken in her first report. The man was not a CIA employee. I told her he would have to be if he claimed access to one of our Bulletin Boards since ours is not open to the public. She said she would like to look into the matter again and call me back. Not having heard from her I phoned her again to see if she had the data I requested.

4. Mrs. Rosner said she was so sorry to have been misinformed and there was no case of discrimination. She had wrong information. There was no problem at CIA. Her organization only wanted to know if CIA has the non-discriminatory pledge that AEC and other Government agencies have. She said the head of their organization, Mrs. Patricia Higier, will send me a letter, asking about the pledge.

5. I told her CIA has had no reason to go into the pledge-card business but the Agency officials concerned are now taking a look into that subject.

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